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## Where Do We Stand?

This is a World War that we're in. The things that are going on in many parts of the world today are pretty nearly as important to us as what is happening right in our own city or town. Sometimes it's hard to realize this, but we've got to realize it if our people and our industries are going to stand up against the industries and people in other parts of the world.

It's not hard to find out what workers in other countries have been paid, or how long hours they have worked. The International Labor Review publishes this information regularly, and although the rates of wages and hours worked apply to industries in general, they certainly show the difference in living standards among the various countries in the world.

Let's take the year 1939 as a good example. Compared to present conditions, it was a fairly normal one, and the wage rates and hours worked for that year give a fair picture of conditions. In Germany in that year, the worker was employed an average of 46 hours a week; in Japan, 47 hours a week; in Sweden, 46 hours a week; in Switzerland, 47 hours a week. But in the United States he worked only an average of 38 hours a week.

Sure, that makes conditions in this country look good, for we didn't have to work as long hours. But realize this, if we didn't work long hours, we didn't produce the goods. But the other countries were producing them in much greater volume because they were willing to work longer to protect themselves, their homes and their countries. A few extra hours a week didn't mean a thing in view of the objectives that they were aiming at.

Let's look at the real wages that were paid in some of the countries in 1939. "Real wages" are wages that are paid, in terms of what those wages will buy. They're not just wages alone, but what those wages mean to a man or woman, or family, in terms of food, rent, clothing and other necessities. Taking the year 1929 as equal to 100, just for comparative purposes, here's what the real wages of workers were in many countries for the year 1939.

In Denmark they were 109. In Germany they were 102. In Sweden they were 110. In Belgium they were 111. In Australia they were 110.

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## BUY A BOND TO BUY A BOMB

IT'S EASY TO BUY THEM  
UNDER COMPANY PLAN

*The importance of buying Defense Bonds has prompted your company to make it possible for all employees to secure them as readily as possible. Here is the plan now available to the people in the Biddeford mill, as an example:*

All over our broad country are posters and advertisements, listing three outstanding words—Buy Defense Bonds. Purchasing stamps and bonds provides an opportunity for the millions of people in this country to take another important part in our war program.

Your Company is cooperating with the United States Government in the sale of U. S. Defense Savings Bonds and Stamps and has designed a method to make them available without any exertion on the part of employees. All that any employee is required to do is to sign a card giving

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Had you — the reader — been seated in this vacant chair, there would have been an opportunity to partake of a well balanced meal. It consisted of fine roast, three vegetables, fruit salad, "enriched" bread, a glass of milk and a rice custard pudding. It is no wonder that the LeClere family of Biddeford is happy and healthy, for vitamins play an important part in their present day food diet. (See story and more pictures starting on Page 2.)

the payroll department permission to deduct 50 cents, 75 cents or a dollar weekly from wages. When this has accumulated to \$18.75, which in ten years will be worth \$25.00, a bond will be given you. All you do is to permit your Company to make weekly deductions from your pay check—the Company will do the rest.

### Minimum Deductions Are 50 Cents Weekly

Perhaps the ideal bond to purchase, at the present time at least, is the \$25.00 one which actually costs only \$18.75. A 50 cents a week deduction will pay for a bond in about 38 weeks. A \$50.00 bond will be paid for in about 64 weeks. Interest will not be figured until the actual bond has been purchased, therefore for the employees' benefit, it will be better to buy a \$25.00 bond and then permit deductions for a second \$25.00 bond, for both the \$25.00 and \$50.00 bonds pay the same rate of interest. Minimum deductions will be 50 cents weekly, no smaller amount will be permitted.

### Defense Stamps On Sale

Defense Stamps of 10 cents and 25 cents will be sold throughout the plant, one day a week. This will permit those who feel that they cannot afford a deduction of 50 cents or a dollar a week to take an active part in the defense program. Purchase of Stamps and Bonds gives us all a chance to help our country in this time of need and at the same time to help ourselves.

To show how Pepperell employees are "bond-minded," before this plan was put into effect, Mrs. Blanche Garceau employed in the Sheeting Spinning department of the Biddeford plant decided to form a Bond Club and within 24 hours, she had three clubs and secured the equivalent of \$1,300. This just proves how Mrs. Garceau and the members believe in the government's important method of financing the war. The full faith of the government is behind every cent that is invested, therefore, there is hardly a place in this wide world that is safer for your money.



## LET'S SHOP FOR VITAMINS

MRS. ROLAND LECLERC  
SHOWS HOW IT'S DONE

The two most discussed subjects in America today are the war and vitamins. There is a definite national trend toward better diet and the importance of vitamins cannot be over-emphasized. The Army made a mistake in the last war by not encouraging the drinking of milk among the troops. Today the boys in Camps drink a large quantity of it.

Vitamins are not a cure-all. We cannot live upon them alone, for the body needs such minerals as calcium, phosphorous and iron together with protein, fats and carbohydrates. In short, a balanced diet is required to obtain these necessities.

Fortunately, it is not necessary to spend a large part of the weekly wage to secure an adequate supply of vitamins. They are present in simple common everyday food. It is simply a question of selecting proper foods. Many people eat a sufficient amount of food, but do not eat enough of the right kinds of food.

Canned food offers a variety of dishes for all seasons. With modern methods of canning they retain practically the same value as fresh foods. In fact, canned foods may be superior in Vitamin C content to "fresh" foods which have been exposed to heat, air or to light for any considerable period in the store.

The Sheet recognizes the cooperation of Mr. and Mrs. Roland Leclerc and daughter Claudette in preparing this picture story. Both parents are employed in the Blanket Weave Room at the Biddeford plant and represent the average employee, and the average family in the average American home. Likewise, we appreciate the courtesy extended by the New England Division of the Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company, for they like Pepperell, believe that wars are won or lost according to the health, courage and calmness of those, not only in actual combat, but on the home front.



Probably there isn't a housewife who hasn't said "What can I get for the next meal in order to have a change?" This is a direct challenge to herself to become an adventurous shopper. Mrs. Leclerc has found a new canned food that she is to try. One food scientist says a good rule is A New Food Every Week and if we don't eat at least 100 different foods in the course of a year, we are not adventurous.



Muscle meat (beef) is a heat and energy producing food. Meats, particularly the liver of beef, calf, lamb and mutton, are excellent sources of Vitamin B2. The glandular tissues (liver, kidney, etc.) are high in nutritive value and in general are far superior to muscle meat. Lions and tigers consider liver a delicacy, and in 1500 B.C. Egyptians ate a generous quantity of liver to improve eyesight. Science today explains—liver's high in Vitamin A.



Green and green leafy vegetables such as beans, beet tops, spinach, lettuce, tomatoes, carrots, yellow corn, etc., are good sources of "carotenes" (which are yellow pigments) which when eaten are transformed into Vitamin A, the only known vitamin which is "manufactured" by the body from plant food. Carrots are one of the best vegetables we have and aid in correcting night blindness. It is said that each meal should contain two vegetables.



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Ascorbic acid (Vitamin C) is widespread in practically all fruits, particularly citrus fruits such as oranges, grapefruit and lemons, together with properly canned fruit juices including pineapple and tomatoes. Lack of C results in the development of scurvy, lack of appetite and bleeding gums. Fruits are some of the essential foods for normal development of bones, cartilages and teeth.



There are grounds for believing that American diets as a whole have been unsatisfactory with respect to the content of Vitamin B1. Whole grain cereals and flour and the product made from them are excellent sources. This vitamin contributes to and is necessary for the maintenance of normal appetite.



The farmer—his cows, hens and garden—has become vitamin conscious by enriching or "fortifying" foods. The cows are fed foods which are rich in Vitamin D so as to add this to the milk; chickens are provided with food for enriching eggs. Flour has been "enriched" by a special process of milling wheat which heretofore has been lost in milling. Our shopper above reads "Enriched with B vitamins and iron", on this bag of flour.



We in New England are very fortunate to be living so near a daily fresh fish supply. Unlike the wise shopper above we neglect to purchase enough fish which is rich in iodine, a key chemical for good health. Fish also contains Riboflavin (Vitamin B2) a single chemical substance.



Adding soda to green vegetables brightens their color but destroys the vitamins. In other words, this dish of string beans which was rich in Vitamin A content, is now practically killed and of very little food value. Stirring air into food while being cooked is another vitamin killer.

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Mrs. LeClerc is pouring a can of green string beans into a dish and making sure to use the water in the can for it is nearly as rich in vitamin content as the food itself. Had she poured the water down the drain pipe, it would be throwing vitamins away. Always use as little water as possible in boiling foods and that which remains should be used in making gravies, sauces and soups.



The Bureau of Home Economics of the U. S. Department of Agriculture offers the fact that frying reduces the vitamin content of foods with Vitamin A (liver), Vitamin B1 (pork), Vitamin C (potatoes). Potatoes when baked or boiled in the skins are an important source of Vitamin C and it is necessary that an ample amount be secured since it is stored in the body only to a limited extent.

## NEW CLINIC AT BIDDEFORD OPENS

### HAS FINE EQUIPMENT

The new Biddeford Clinic recently completed, is now open for service to all employees of the mill. Constructed next to the Employment Office, it is readily accessible and equipped with the best facilities possible for caring for employees,—it is ready to administer to any cases requiring help at any time. This is the employees' own clinic and they are at liberty and encouraged to use it, whenever necessary.

At an Open House the 2nd of February, employees were invited to visit the Clinic to see the excellent facilities that have been installed. There is a fully equipped First Aid room of very large size to care for any emergency cases. The Technical Laboratory is used for examining specimens under the most modern conditions. Several treatment rooms are included with hospital beds where lamp baking treatments or heat treatments may be obtained.

### Modern Facilities Available For All Employees

Because of the very excellent arrangement of examination rooms, each with a private dressing room and toilet, it will be possible to conduct physical examinations under the most favorable conditions for employees. There are facilities for eye examinations. There is of course, a very attractive waiting room, a doctor's office, record rooms, supply rooms and all the incidental equipment needed in a fine clinic of this sort.

With the completion of the Biddeford Clinic the three mills at Biddeford, Lewiston and Fall River, now have some of the finest equipment of this type in the entire country. Your company is extremely interested in helping you to maintain the best possible health and at the same time, to provide full facilities to care for any accidents that may occur in the mills. Don't hesitate at any time, to make use of these Clinics for, of course, they are ready to help you without charge.

With skilled doctors and nurses in attendance, you will get extremely fine care and helpful advice when you want or need it.



## SANTA COMES DOWN MILL CHIMNEY

FALL RIVER HAS A  
GALA AFFAIR

The annual Christmas party sponsored by the Fall River plant of the Pepperell Manufacturing Company, for the children of the employees, was held in the Social Club rooms the Saturday afternoon preceding Christmas. Over 400 kiddies and nearly 50 parents enjoyed the three hour program.

Co-chairmen of the party were Miss Edna Corkum and Miss Mary Sullivan of the Clinical Department who, in the eyes of the children, were Santa's assistants. After the youngsters, whose ages ranged from two to twelve years, had been seated, the sound of Santa's sleigh bells could be heard as coming from the direction of Bedford Street. In a few short moments, but altogether too long for the palpitating little hearts, Santa in all his informal glory appeared.

It was a good sized undertaking for him to fulfill his requirements, but through the mysteries that veil his laudable undertakings, he never fails. Every one of over 400 children present was given a gift



Santa thought he saw double until he checked over his list and found that Marcel and Gerard Coderre, twins, had asked for presents. They are sons of Alfred J. Coderre, loomfixer in B weave room, Fall River.



A general view of Santa and his helpers giving out presents to over 400 children at the Fall River Mill. Santa (Ray Jardin) was assisted by Edna Corkum, R.N., Mary Sullivan and Mrs. Oscar Guyer.

comparable to his age, together with a stocking filled to overflowing with an apple, orange, peanuts and a bag each of ribbon and old fashioned candy.

Not only were the children satisfied, but Santa's heart was filled with joy when these kiddies reached the acme of self satisfaction by being able to talk with Kris Kringle and to gently run their little fingers through his flowing white whiskers. A slight North Pole accent was in Santa's voice and when he disrobed in the cloak room, the adults discovered that the jolly old elf was Ray Jardin, Second Hand in the Rayon Division of Pepperell.

The Coca-Cola Company cooperated in adding to the success of the party by donating and distributing a bottle of their product to every person present. It was this firm's sincere desire to do their part in spreading joy to the youngsters in this Yuletide season.

Previous to the distribution of presents, a full hour's entertainment was enjoyed by showing six reels of moving pictures with sound. The very gracious and hospitable James Coburn was Master of Ceremonies in this department.



## AIR RAID SCHOOL ATTENDED BY OFFICIALS OF PEPPERELL

### IMPORTANT SPEAKERS PRESENT

It was back to school again for several of Pepperell men, but the subjects and purpose had changed. It was an air raid precaution school for industrial plants, set up by the Associated Industries of Maine. The school was conducted in Lewiston's city hall on January 8, 9 and 10, and made up of heads of engineering departments, personnel men, and major executives who are charged with the defense set-up in various plants.

There was an immense need for such a school. It was here that 250 men from various industries throughout the state were told about industrial police protection by an F.B.I. Agent; gas demonstrations with gas mask instructions by a chemical warfare officer; organization of industrial first aid; fire fighting methods, construction and building for protection; communications; camouflage and blackouts; and other subjects pertinent to the protection of industrial employees.

### A Very Able Group of Guest Speakers

School attendants were privileged to listen to well versed men in their fields. Col. F. H. Farnham, Director of Maine Civilian Defense Council, and Col. S. N. Shumway, Chairman of the State Civilian Defense Council headed a list of very able speakers, including Lt. Col. H. M. Leapman, graduate of R.A.F. staff school at London; G. V. Daugherty of the F.B.I.; Lt. C. A. Wilson of the Bangor air base; Major L. S. Johnston, U. S. A. Reserve; Professors A. T. Davis and W. C. Voss of M.I.T. On Saturday morning during the height of the school training, Leslie Paffrath, Senior Administrator Asst. of O.C.D. with David S. Cook, Pepperell's Biddeford Manager, and Capt. Victor Beecroft of the Saco-Lowell Shops led all attendants to the school in a panel discussion on the subject "Control of Blackouts in Air Raids". Blackouts in themselves can be very dangerous, and through the medium of a discussion, some very fine points of control were brought out.

### Gov. Sewall and Dean Landis Outline State and Federal Policies

On the evening of January 9th a dinner was held at the Dewitt Hotel at which time Gov. Sumner Sewall and Dean J. M. Landis were guest speakers. Gov. Sewall the first to speak, outlined the state's policies promising state cooperation in all phases of civilian defense.

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Representatives from Pepperell's Maine plants to the Air Raid Protection school are John Black, Biddeford; Arthur Cloutier, Lewiston; H. L. Smith, Biddeford; and J. F. Hamilton of Lewiston. These men will make a study of their local situations and make necessary arrangements for the protection of employees.





## PEPPERELL AND STATE OFFICIALS MEET



An exclusive Pepperell Sheet photo taken at the A.R.P. school. Left to right are Capt. Victor Becroft of the Saco-Lowell shops, Manager D. S. Cook of Biddeford; Gov. Sumner Sewall of

Maine, Dean James M. Landis, executive director of civilian defense of the U. S. and Supt. Edwin Adams of the Lewiston bleachery.

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Dean James M. Landis of Harvard Law School, who only a few hours before was appointed by President Roosevelt to the post of Executive Director of Civilian Defense in the United States was the next speaker in his first public appearance in the duties of his new office. He clearly defined the seriousness of the situation declaring that if it wasn't serious "our boats patrolling both coasts just wouldn't make sense".

He cared little about the number of air raid wardens or air raid police, but how well each was trained and organized to act as a unit. He repeatedly warned that air raid precaution efforts must be based on the theory of yellow, blue, red and white lights; to know what each signifies and to think only in those terms.

(Yellow when flashed to air raid centers means hostile planes are 23 minutes away, blue at least

eight minutes and red five or less minutes. White clears all above numbers.)

### **Employees to be Provided with Protection and Information**

Representatives of Pepperell's Maine plants have since returned and are carefully studying their local air raid precaution situation, for though precautions used against air raids are general, each plant and the departments of that plant, must be dealt with under local conditions and circumstances. The work that must be done to provide employees with full protection needs careful planning as quickly as possible which was one of the reasons for attending the school. A definite program will be arranged for all employees and when completed all employees will be provided with complete information on the course to follow in the event that enemy planes should be sighted reasonably near our factories and mills.



## INSIDE STORY OF A "PLEBE" AT ANNAPOLIS

**J. F. Linehan, Formerly  
at Bleachery, Tells  
of Routine**

The United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md., was founded in 1845—about the same year that cloth first started coming off Pepperell's looms. When a man enters the bronze gates of the Academy, he is stepping upon the gangplank that leads him to the decks of the fighting vessels of Uncle Sam's fleet. The purpose of the Academy (to quote the language of the Navy) is to train officers for the fleet.

Pepperell is proud to present a "future Admiral" of the fleet, in J. Francis Linehan, who was assistant chemist at the Lewiston Bleachery, prior to his leaving for Annapolis last June. He was graduated from Lewiston High School and was attending Bates College when he received his appointment to the Academy, while working at the Bleachery afternoons.

### *An Ordinary Day's Routine*

Candidates for the Academy are appointed from the United States at large, upon nomination by the President, Senators, Representatives and Delegates in Congress. Midshipman Linehan received his appointment through Congresswoman Margaret Chase Smith.

The curriculum of the Naval Academy is not designed to produce specialists in any one subject, though the course is much more advanced than the word "academy" implies, for it is nearer that of post graduate technical schools. Let's look at an



Midshipman J. Francis Linehan, to whom all Pepperell employees respectfully submit their congratulations. A former Lewiston bleachery employee, he has two cousins who have been graduated from Annapolis as Ensigns. His father, Michael Linehan is employed as machinist at the bleachery.

ordinary day's routine and discover what Francis does. Reveille is sounded at 6:15 A.M., breakfast formation at 6:45 which usually lasts for three quarters of an hour. After breakfast they make up their beds and get the room shipshape, for each man cleans and tidies his own room. The officers then inspect the room with white gloves and the inspectors really do inspect it by reaching into remote places such as bed springs, backs of closets, etc.

### *Included In First Year Course*

There are four morning classes which commence at 7:45 and continue until 12:05 P.M. The formation for the noonday meal is at 12:25 and at 1:15 P.M. the two afternoon classes commence and continue until 3:15. At 3:30 the drills start, differing each day and with relationship to the season. They may include Infantry, Seamanship, Physical Training, Ordnance, and laboratory work in Electrical Engineering. The academics are English, Foreign Language, Mechanical Drawing, Algebra.

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Trigonometry, Chemistry, Electrical and Marine Engineering and others.

At the end of each week, the ranks are posted. The ranking system is on the basis of 4.0 being the maximum grade, with 2.5 as the passing mark demanded of the midshipmen in their academic studies, conduct and many of their drills.

## Excerpts From the Academy Language

From 4:45 until supper formation at 7:00 P.M. the plebes (a name given a first year man) may do as they please. Nearly everyone is out for some sort of sport with football, boxing and tennis as the favorites. There are two large swimming pools, one for qualified swimmers, the other for those less fortunate. There are many other places to visit on the academy grounds which consist of 250 acres.

Two dollars a month is all the spending money a plebe gets, therefore his social activities are at a minimum. He could go to a tea fight (tea and dance) but many refrain if possible giving the opportunity to his wife (room mate). To a Pepperell employee the words expressed in the Naval Academy vernacular are rather amusing. A few examples are:

Can—a destroyer

Civ.—civilian

Drag—escort a girl to an Academy hop

Shiverin Liz in a snowstorm—jello and whipped cream

Red Eye—ketchup

Crab—a girl who lives in Crabtown

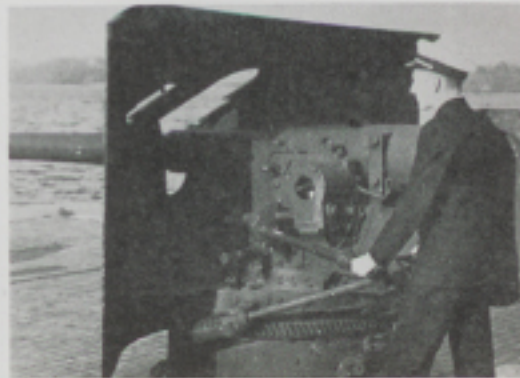
Crabtown—Annapolis "a fishing village on the banks of the Naval Academy"

Soup is described as—something like hash only looser

## Three Bells—All's Well

After supper they have a rest period of a half hour in which time they engage in bull-sessions (conversations) and talk of that day's problems. Study hour begins at 8:15 and lasts until 9:50 and they prepare for another eight hours of sleep for at 10:05 taps are sounded and everyone hits his sack (bed) for his much needed rest.

It might be interesting to note that the system of telling the time of day in the Navy is different from that of civilians. Twelve o'clock midnight is 0000, and each hour is another hundred as 7:30 A.M. is 0730. Twelve noon is 1200, and again add 100 to every hour such as 7:30 P.M. is 1930. Don't be confused for the hour still has 60 minutes.



Midshipman Linehan stands beside a piece of armament overlooking the entrance to Dewey Basin. This gun is now out of date, but we can well imagine that these men get training on modern weapons, at the proper time.



Students at Annapolis must march to and from classes, and be in uniform at all times. On this particular occasion, this group is returning from Chapel exercises. Discipline in all forms is paramount, and as a result, the best of character is built.



A general view showing the entrance to Bancroft Hall, the largest dormitory in the world, housing 3,200 Midshipmen. The cannon in the foreground was used during the Spanish-American war. This particular picture was taken a few days before war was declared, when visitors were allowed. No visitors are now permitted to enter the Academy grounds.



## VACUUM CARD STRIPPING NOW AT BIDDEFORD

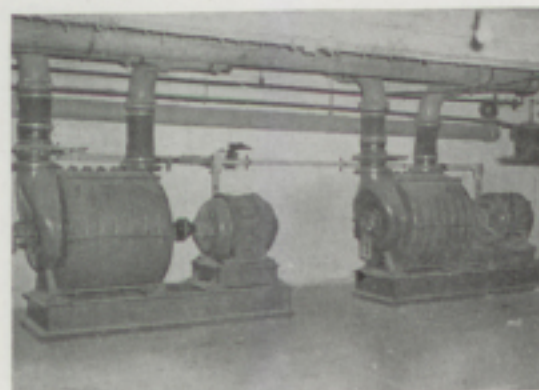
NEW EQUIPMENT HAS  
MANY ADVANTAGES

Good carding is the foundation of all following mill processes and satisfactory results largely depend on the care and handling of the product during the carding operation.

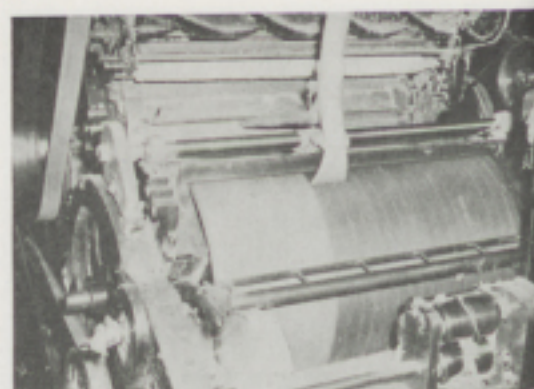
At the Biddeford plant a new vacuum card stripping and waste collecting system has just been installed replacing card stripping by wire brushes. Unlike stripping by wire brushes which leaves an unstripped, dust laden portion at the base of the wires, vacuum stripping removes all dust, short fibres, seed, etc. without the need of any sort of wire brush, which has a definite tendency to wear and dull the card wires.

### *Beneficial Factors in This System*

Satisfactory results of the carding process largely



These are the motors and pumps which cause the waste to be drawn through the pipes to the tanks. There is enough "vacuum" supplied by each pump to meet the services required by two tanks. The motors are 60 h.p. and attain a speed of 3540 R.P.M.



A close-up of the vacuum stripper cleaning the doffer and cylinder rolls simultaneously. The dark portion of the doffer roll has been cleaned by removing all dust, short fibres and waste from the card wires.

depend on the bend and joint of the card wire and therefore it is important to keep the card wire in perfect condition. A renewed cleanliness of the card wires through removal of short fibers, fly and all impurities remaining in the cotton after picking, which might blow off and make bad work on roving and spinning frames, assures a higher quality product. Another beneficial factor in the cleaning method is the removal of all dust in the room. This presents more desirable working conditions for employees. Furthermore, the absence of dust in the room lightens the duties of the card tenders.

### *Motors Operate Vacuum Pumps*

Six cards are stripped simultaneously, with the waste being drawn, by vacuum, up through a flexible steel tube, to a steel pipe which leads to four tanks at the Waste House. Two motors operating two vacuum pumps, located under the tanks, draw the waste from the cards, through the pipes to the tanks. Two tanks, about 14 feet high, are being filled at all times, and when filled, the valves are closed and the remaining two tanks are put into operation. When the tanks are filled, the waste is removed and sent down a chute to be baled as waste.

### *Contributes to Employee Safety*

Card stripping is essentially a regular process waste collecting operation and combines with other natural waste collections such as collecting and transporting Flat Strips, Card Fly, Picker Motes.

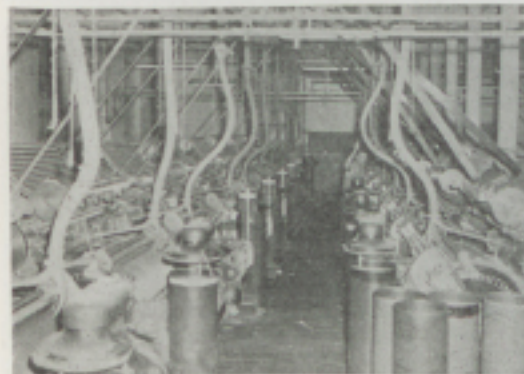
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cleaning Picker Cages as well as cleaning the machinery itself. There are additional pipe connections for this task as seen in accompanying pictures.

The system also contributes toward employee safety—an ever important factor in mill operations. It eliminates the necessity for handling belts, a potential hazard for accidents; revolving wire brushes, where simple scratches may become serious; opening of covers, which have resulted in cuts and bruises. To sum up the system in its entirety, it produces a better product, provides better working conditions for employees, reduces the work load of the operators, maintains higher quality of waste which brings a higher average selling price of waste, and provides a desired tendency to reduce accidents.



A group of Cards being stripped by the vacuum process. The dust, short fibres, etc. are pulled up the flexible tubes to the tanks at the waste house. Cleaning in this manner greatly decreases the possibility for employee accidents as there are no belts to handle, no wire brushes to move, no metal covers to remove.



This part of the system is known as the flat strip conveyor. As quickly as an operator can feed the conveyor the strips are "consumed" by the vacuum process. Flat strips are the waste from the flat card clothing.



Waste is pushed up in the productive rooms and transported through pipes to be deposited in these tanks which in turn will be emptied and the waste baled. These tanks are about five feet in diameter and 14 feet high though only a portion of them is seen in this picture.

## 1942 AND FALL RIVER

The annual New Year's party sponsored and arranged by the Social Club at the Fall River plant was spontaneously accepted by members of the club. The year was ushered in amidst a deafening sound from noise makers, joviality and personal salutations and greetings.

A turkey dinner served at ten o'clock in the cafeteria preceded the entertainment with a floor show consisting of semi-professional talent. By eleven o'clock the tables had been cleared from the hall which was very attractively and patriotically decorated in red, white and blue. Dolores Pachero exhibited her skill as an acrobatic tap dancer; Evelyn and Norman appeared in a soft shoe number, followed by Evelyn in a very clever military tap dance. The entertainers were attired in attractive costumes fitting the occasion and drew many encores to each act, necessitating their withdrawal from the hall a few minutes before 1942 was officially welcomed by Club members.

With both hands of the clock at high twelve; noise, exchange of greetings and hilarity of fun reached a new high and it was some time before the group had settled down to dance until three in the morning. Chairs and tables from the cafeteria had been placed in the alcove of the hall in cabaret style with Romeo Ouellette, the plant's No. 1 caterer, serving pop to the dancers.



## ARMY TWILL IS PEPPERELL FABRIC

MILLIONS OF YARDS FROM  
PEPPERELL LOOMS

Pepperell is processing several million yards of Herringbone Twill on the first contracts for the U. S. Government. An additional quantity is to be Zelan treated, which is a method of imparting resistance to water. All of this fabric is to be Sanforized.

### Major Steps of Processing

This cloth is woven on Pepperell looms, and sent by freight for bleaching, in bales of approximately one thousand yards each. It is scoured on the Riggs & Lombard frame which removes the starch and fatty matters by applying caustic soda. There are several intermediate steps in processing before being dyed on the jigs.

It is then finished and sent to the stillages for shading, packed into wooden cases and shipped to the Quartermaster's Depot at Philadelphia.

### Its Uses by the U. S. Army

The Herringbone Twill cloth, which is fast replacing denim, is dyed in olive drab shade and is such a color as to show little dirt. In the Army this fabric is known as "fatigue cloth" for our soldiers wear the uniform when performing work on their equipment. Men in the Field Artillery wear it when cleaning their guns, the Infantry in repairing and cleaning their equipment and the mechanics when repairing and servicing the mechanized units and equipment.

Needless to say that this cloth must be strong and tough for heavy service is demanded of it. Guns, tanks, engines and equipment must be thoroughly overhauled and carefully guarded against wear so as to perform in precision manner, which requires maintenance to the nth degree. This type of maintenance requires the men wearing this fabric to crawl over, under and around the equipment giving the fabric hard service—but we believe the cloth can take it.



The U. S. Government is represented by Ernest F. Ammon who inspects the Army's herringbone twill during all the operations. The shade of the cloth is O.D. (olive drab).



William Lacombe is trucking in one of the bales from the cart to the storehouse. There are about 1,000 yds. to each bale. Here the cloth is received preparatory to dyeing and finishing it, whence it goes to the Army.



In finishing the herringbone twill, the first step is to scour it by removing sizing and all material fats and oils in cotton. The cloth passes through a bath containing caustic soda.

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After the cloth has been dyed, the color must now be fastened on to the cloth by being passed through several solutions. This roll of 625 yards will be run eight times back and forth in the bath. Paul Whitney is the operator.



The "Government cloth" is Sanforized Shrink and when processed on this machine the fabric is 34 inches between selvages. There is not more than 1% of residual shrinkage. Paul Lagasse is the operator.



Wilfred Nedeeu stands before a lot of the Government goods known as "stillager for shading". It is practically impossible to dye two or more lots of cloth to the same shade, though the average person cannot tell the difference. This lot will be broken down into lots of the same shading by employees trained for this purpose.

## FROM RAYON YARN TO SAILORS' YARNS

**Norman Marsden Does It**



We are proud to present to our readers another Pepperell man who is in Uncle Sam's Navy—Norman Marsden. Norman was employed for about five years in the Rayon Division of the Fall River plant, and is now a metalsmith attached to a U. S. Naval Aviation Squadron.

At the age of 17, he enlisted in the United States Naval Reserve and after four years of service, he reenlisted and was called into active service in May of last year, reporting at Newport. After a brief stay, he took the examination for metalsmith, successfully passing the test and went immediately to the Jacksonville base to commence on the 16 week course.

Being a graduate of the Providence School of Welding and two years at B.M.C. Durfee High School was of material value to him by providing practical experience, and Marsden was appointed a section leader at the base. His workmanship was very satisfactory to his superiors and at the conclusion of the course was given the opportunity to remain at the Jacksonville base as an instructor.

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## NEW SLATE AT FOREMEN'S CLUB IN BIDDEFORD

NEW OFFICERS CHOSEN



By a unanimous choice these men were elected officers of the Foremen's Club at Biddeford. To them falls the responsibility for conducting the Club through 1942. Left to right: George Early, Vice President; Ludger Picher, Treasurer; John Adams, Secretary; and Edward McDuffey, President.

The Foremen's Club at Biddeford elected officers for the ensuing year and by unanimous vote the following men were chosen: President, Edward McDuffey; Vice-President, George Early; Secretary, John Adams; Treasurer, Ludger Picher. At the close of the election, a vote of thanks was extended to the retiring officers who conducted the Club through a very successful year, and it is the hope of the newly elected officers that they can continue a similar schedule. Through the experience that they have had, the present officers will be able to produce an even better and more interesting program.

Activities in the present year are expected to exceed those previously conducted, although difficulties will be encountered due to the defense problems but arrangements are being made to overcome this condition. President McDuffey has already

provided a long range program that includes a selected group of guest speakers, discussion of textile problems in their many phases, moving and illustrated pictures, methods of improving safety, social activities and other topics of interest.

### New Club Rooms Provided

For social activities in the immediate future, the Club expects to hold a Service Night, at which time each member will invite a soldier to the banquet followed by an excellent entertainment and guest speaker to round out a very interesting program. The purpose of the meeting is merely a token of appreciation for the work these soldiers are doing and in the future may be called on to expand.

Through the courtesy of the Mill Management, the club members meet in their own rooms which have been erected on the first floor of the Social Building. Floor lamps, tables, lounging chairs and literature have been provided by the Club for their members. The group wishes to take this opportunity by publicly expressing their thanks and appreciation to the Mill Management through the medium of this magazine. These rooms provide far more satisfactory methods for conducting the meetings of the Club.

## JOE PAQUIN IS SAFE AT HONOLULU

WORD HAS BEEN RECEIVED

In the December issue of the Sheet there was a letter of appreciation written to President R. H. Leonard by Pfc. Joseph Paquin, a former employee of the Fall River plant, who has been stationed at Honolulu, T.H., in Army Service for the past year. Since then, the island has been bombed and some anxiety has been expressed for his safety.

A letter received by his father states that he is well and fine. Postmarked December 16th and received January 13th, the note says in part "... had first taste of war and came through O.K. While it is impossible to write all my friends, please tell them that I am well."

Located at Fort Armstrong he probably can tell what it is like to have tons of steel pour down from the skies—but the best story of all is that he is well and safe. His many friends in the Pepperell organization, especially at Fall River, will be glad to know of his safety.



# RAYON AND RADIO MIX IN LIFE OF EVELYN CRAIG

FALL RIVER IS PROUD



Evelyn Craig of Fall River.

Evelyn Craig is a creeler in the rayon division at the Fall River mill and received her first textile experience in the town of Nelson, Lancashire, England, the town of her birth. When only a few years of age, the family moved to Brierfield, a picturesque and historic town with sloping green hills where all the homes are constructed of field stone or brick. In the center of the town, with a population of 10,000 inhabitants, is the Brierfield Cotton Mills, while on the outskirts of the community is Pendle Forest, well known in the days of Oliver Cromwell. On the top of Pendle Hill is the celebrated Robinhood Well.

## Studied Music Under Famous Teacher

Miss Craig received her education in Brierfield



A cherished picture is the home of Evelyn Craig, because many of these London buildings are destroyed. It shows Westminster Bridge with Parliament buildings on the left and Big Ben Tower on right with the river Thames in the foreground. The "moon" is a reflection from the camera flashlight.

but secured her first employment in Nelson as a silk weaver. Possessed with a fine soprano voice, she studied music under Mr. Tom Robinson, teacher at the Manchester School of Music, and later sang at many musical concerts throughout this section of the country. Nelson itself is very critical of music so that when famed singers receive praise in this town, they feel more secure in making singing their life career.

## Popular WSAR Singer

Arriving in Boston aboard the Cunard Liner, Scythia, the family went to Fall River where Miss Craig was first employed with the American Kerr Thread Co. before coming to Pepperell. Not long in Fall River she was engaged by radio station WSAR to sing on the "Favorite Twilight Songs" program for 26 weeks with Fred Harrison, baritone at St. Lukes. Later she had her own program on WMEX at Boston but commuting regularly after a day's work at the mill proved rather tiresome. Her tremendous amount of fan mail determined her popularity.

We are indeed honored to have such a fine musician and Textile operative in our midst and sincerely trust that her hours spent with Pepperell will be pleasant and enjoyable.

## Facts for Your Memory Notebook

There are approximately 5,000 warp threads on the rayon beams used at the Fall River mill.

Lady Pepperell warp bobbins have about 4300 yards of thread on them and filling bobbins about 1700.



## THE SAGA OF THE PEPPERELLS IN PICTURES

IMPORTANT LANDMARKS  
CAN STILL BE SEEN



Col. Pepperell, Sir William's father, had come to America from Wales and landed on the Isle of Shoals. He first engaged in fishing and later in boat building where he frequently met John Bray, a pioneer shipbuilder and his pretty young daughter, Margery. After a lapse of a few years when Pepperell had become a successful boat builder, he married her. Her father presented them a tract of land on which this Mansion was built, and where Sir William, sixth of the eight children, was born on June 27, 1696.



Warehouses similar to this at Kittery Point and owned by the Pepperells, were filled with fish from the banks of Newfoundland; sugar and molasses from the West Indies; hemp, iron, linen and silk from Great Britain. They had over a hundred vessels engaged in fishing and foreign trade and the name of the firm was known in many of the large cities in all parts of the world. Note how the gulls lined up on the roof for their picture.



Some of the original piling of this wharf can be seen. It was built as early as 1662 by John Bray and later used by the Pepperells in their world trade. In the upper right corner is the largest submarine in the world. Built by the French only a few years ago it was abandoned and is now operated by the British. Little was known about submarines when the Pepperells' boats tied up to this wharf.



As early as 1690 this was known as Fort William, named for Sir William and at one time commanded by him. Re-named Fort McClary in honor of Major Andrew McClary who lost his life in the battle of Bunker Hill. It was rebuilt in 1843.



Elizabeth, daughter of Sir William, was a popular belle in social circles and many were her admirers. It was Nathaniel Sparhawk, son of a clergyman in Bristol, R. I. who won her affections and on May 1, 1742 they were united in marriage. As a wedding gift, Sir William gave her this splendid home. To the right on the first floor is the banquet hall which contains a fine large fireplace and excellent hand carved woodwork.



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Interior view of the Congregational church at Kittery Point, built in 1730. It was in this church that Sir William and Lady Pepperell attended services. Col. Pepperell (Sir William's father) presented the church with the Communion Service valued at thousands of dollars. Lady Pepperell gave the Christening Bowl marked, "The Gift of an Unknown Hand".



Fifteen foot wings were added to each side of the Pepperell Mansion and the roof was changed in 1734. Later, or in 1848, the wings were removed and from each a home was constructed. The picture above is one of those homes, located on the east side of the Mansion, and occupied by Mr. Melvin Blake at the present time.



Back in the days of Sir William Pepperell, this parcel of land was known as "Parkfield" and was where he kept his deer, enclosed by a high board fence. It was about a quarter of an acre in area and about 500 feet from the Pepperell Mansion.



After the death of Sir William, July 4, 1759, Lady Pepperell caused this house to be built for her at Kittery Point. She resided here until her death on November 25, 1789.



The Bray House, built in 1662, is the oldest dwelling in Maine. It was erected by John and his wife Joan Bray. Margery, their daughter and the wife of Col. Pepperell was born in England and was two years old when her parents emigrated to America. She was the mother of Sir William.



The Pepperell tomb at Kittery Point, where Lord and Lady Pepperell and approximately 26 members of the family are buried, the family on one side and the servants on the other.

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## FIGHT YOUR OWN WAR AGAINST WASTE AT HOME

—  
HERE ARE SOME SIMPLE  
SUGGESTIONS TO FOLLOW

This business of conserving all kinds of materials is *no fooling!* You already know how important it is to save automobile tires. Well, here are some of the things you can do:

1. If you can walk to work instead of using your car, by all means do it. A matter of ten or fifteen minutes each day might mean the difference between using or not using your car later.
2. If you can get hold of a good bicycle cheap and you live a long way from the mill, use the bicycle whenever you can. It will keep you in good health and you'll save your automobile tires and gasoline, too.
3. When you drive your car, if you really have to, use it only on important errands, and when you do drive, don't drive over 40 miles per hour.
4. By all means, slow down even less than 40 miles per hour when you go around curves. The sway of the car wears out the tires just as though there was a grinding wheel working on them.
5. Keep your tires up to full pressure. Every time you stop for gasoline, you can easily check them yourself if the attendant is busy.

### DON'T WASTE FOOD

Although there is no shortage of food right now and the chances are that there won't be any drastic

shortage, it's a good idea to prepare well in advance and to make sure that you save everything possible on food that you can. It is not only a good thing as part of the war effort, but it will help you save money. Here are a few suggestions:

1. Don't waste any food of any sort. Make sure everyone cleans up every plate completely and that all scraps in the icebox are ultimately used up rather than permitted to grow stale and then be thrown away.
2. Work out special recipes for using leftovers that you might otherwise throw away. Some times, very tasty dishes can be made by combining leftovers that, at the same time, give good variety to meals.
3. If you keep 4 or 5 chickens or even a good many more, you will find that they will eat all of the green refuse and other parts of it which you normally might throw away—carrot tops and all kinds of greens of this sort are good for them and they help to avoid any waste. You'll get eggs from your hens, too.
4. Don't use excessive amounts of any kind of food. If you normally have 3 teaspoonfuls of sugar in your coffee, try to cut down. If you ordinarily use a lot of cream, try to use less. Don't eat too much, because you really don't need it and you will feel better and conserve food at the same time.

### DON'T WASTE CLOTH

Although your job is making textiles, you know how important it is to make them wear as long as possible. You know of the great Government demand for textiles and how this will affect maybe your own use of them and your ability to buy them. Here are a few of the simple things you can do to make your clothing wear as long as possible:

1. When you wash it, wash it well, but carefully. Don't keep it in the washing machine too long—don't, incidentally, use an excessive amount of soap and don't scrub it too hard. Frequent washings will make it wear longer than infrequent washings, which are too severe.
2. Mend the clothing again and again, always mend it at the first sign of wear, before it gets beyond the stage where it can be repaired.
3. Use your own resourcefulness more than ever before. If you can turn the collar on a shirt that's worn, by all means do it. If you can cut off the

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sleeves when the cuffs are worn and still have the shirt useful, do this too.

4. When you put your woolens away, make sure that they are fully protected against moths, so that serious damage can't happen to them.

### DON'T WASTE FUEL

The fuel that we use in our houses comes a long way. Coal comes from Pennsylvania, Virginia and the Middle West and oil comes from Texas or California. Although we have plenty of it now, we may as well get used to using smaller quantities of it, should the emergency get greater. These are some of the things you can do not only to keep your fuel bill low, but to help to conserve it:

1. Don't keep your house too warm. A temperature of 68° is usually perfect.

2. Try to keep pans of water on the radiators to keep the air in the house damp. If it is slightly humid, it feels much warmer than if it is dry.

3. Don't open any unnecessary windows. If you are accustomed to sleeping with windows open at night, perhaps you could shut them slightly and thus save some fuel.

4. Make sure that all windows in the house are tight, so that no cold air can leak in. Skillfully stuffing newspapers that can't be seen or pieces of cloth around the windows will help keep out a lot of cold air. You can also buy inexpensive weather-stripping material which is extremely important.

5. There are certain kinds of house insulation that are very inexpensive that can keep out a lot of cold air. Inquire from your building supply dealer and he will be glad to help you select what is best and you can apply it yourself.

### DON'T WASTE THE HOUSE

Your house itself, even though you may rent it, deserves to be kept in complete repair at all times. It is a good plan to look on a house as though you may never have another one and then to keep it in such good shape that you would never need another one. These are a few simple things to watch in maintaining a house in good shape.

1. Keep the small repairs right up to date. If a door should stick, plane off either the top or the bottom or the sides and make sure that it fits well.

2. If a door jamb should become loose or any boards separate, nail them together or piece them together right away.

3. Keep the paint in good repair. It is better to patch up a house with paint where it is peeling than to let it go and then have to paint the whole thing again.

4. Keep the plumbing in good order. Care should be used in turning a faucet on and off, and make sure that the pipes are kept clear—all of these things will help to save material and at the same time save expense.

5. By all means, keep the grounds around the house in good shape, because the better looking they are the better you will feel about the house and the more proud you will be of yourself.

### SAVE THESE THINGS

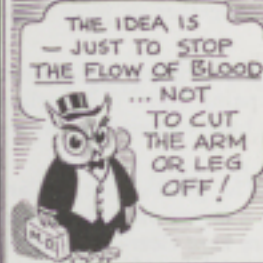
There are many other things you can do to help save material. You can collect any old paper you have in the attic or in the cellar, bundle it up and take it to a junk dealer where you can get a pretty good price for it. If you prefer, you may give it to one of the charitable organizations and they will sell it. Old rags, scrap metal and old rubber also can be collected—taken to a junk dealer and perhaps you will be surprised how much cash you can get for it. All of these things would not be done in the ordinary course of living, but after all, we are in a war and we have to live all the way as if we were in it—which we are.



Practically every sailor working at his trade in the Navy wears chambray work shirts, made from a fabric like that Pepperell is now weaving for the Navy. Here's a sailor at switchboard on board ship, wearing a chambray shirt.

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## HOW TO USE A TOURNIQUET

### BLEEDING FROM A VEIN ....

*THE BLOOD FLOWS OUT IN  
A STEADY EVEN STREAM.*



A tourniquet increases  
bleeding from a vein.  
**NEVER USE IT!**

### How to stop bleeding from a VEIN ...

Apply  
clean  
dressing  
and hold in place with  
firm pressure of hand.  
Pressure can later be  
applied by bandage  
—but never remove pressure  
until doctor arrives.



### BLEEDING FROM AN ARTERY...

*THE BLOOD SPURTS WITH  
EVERY BEAT OF THE HEART.*



Unless  
the artery is a large one,  
bleeding can be stopped  
by direct pressure  
as shown in #2

#1

### ONLY 2 PLACES TO USE A TOURNIQUET ...

① Upper Arm  
—just a little  
closer to the  
shoulder than  
the elbow.



② The Thigh  
—as high up  
as you can  
get it.



#2



**IF A TOURNIQUET IS NEEDED**  
— TAKE THESE STEPS...



- ① Protect arm or leg where tourniquet is to be applied by wrapping a towel around it ....



- ② Apply tourniquet over a broad area...  
2 to 3 inches on arm,  
3 to 4 inches on thigh.  
Apply only tight enough to stop spurting. Then put pressure over the bleeding point.



- ③ Stay with person until the doctor arrives. If you have to leave, mark forehead with a large "T". Use ink, lipstick, crayon, etc.



## Do NOTs

1. Do Not use a tourniquet except where other methods fail, or in case of amputation.
2. Do Not put a tourniquet on fore arm or lower leg.
3. Do Not use rope, string or wire. They do not stretch, and are very dangerous. Use towel, cloth, rubber tubing etc., as shown.
4. Do Not leave tourniquet on more than 20 minutes without loosening and allowing blood to go through. Then tighten immediately!



## \$423,000 PAID TO BENEFICIARIES OF GROUP INSURANCE

MORE HAS BEEN PAID OUT  
THAN EMPLOYEES HAVE PAID IN

In fifteen years of operation of the Group Life Insurance plan which has been available to the employees of the Biddeford and Lewiston mills, the beneficiaries of this insurance have received a total of \$423,000.00 compared to premium payments by employees of \$350,000.00. The total premium of \$528,000.00 which has been paid comprises the \$350,000.00 paid by employees plus the \$178,000.00 which has been paid by the company.

This Group Life Insurance is available to any employee in the mills under very liberal conditions. Any new employee is eligible to apply for the insurance after three months employment and any employee who has had regular employment and does not now carry the insurance, may apply for it provided he or she is willing to have a physical examination at his or her own cost—which cost of course, is very nominal.

### Low Weekly Premium

The cost of the insurance for a \$1000.00 policy is 15c a week. This is regularly deducted from the pay check so that payment is made by the employee in the most convenient way. In addition to offering a \$1000.00 death benefit payment, the insurance also provides an important total and permanent Disability benefit. This benefit protects the employee if he or she should become totally or permanently disabled, either through sickness or accident. The permanent disability benefit is effective only when a person has been continuously insured under the plan for one year. This benefit however, provides that if in the opinion of a competent doctor, you are disabled so that you will not be able to work again, your Life insurance will be payable to you

in monthly instalments up to the total value of your policy just so long as such disability prevails.

### Free Nursing Service Available

An important feature of the insurance is that through the facilities of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company which carries this insurance, a Visiting Nurse service is available to those who have the insurance with such service available at no cost. The nurse will visit on request and instruct any competent person in the correct care of the patient. The nurse of course, is a visiting nurse and does not remain in attendance.

### Secure Pamphlet Which Outlines Insurance Benefits

It is recommended that any employees who do not now carry this insurance, obtain complete information about it as soon as possible. It provides excellent protection for your family at an extremely low cost with a large part of the premium contributed by the company. In cases of new employees, no physical examination is necessary and in cases of other employees, the physical examination can readily be made at short notice at a low cost for the employee. In cases of employees over 65 years of age, the total policy cannot exceed \$500.00 but at the same time, the premium payments are reduced to 7c a week.

You can secure a pamphlet which outlines this insurance from either your Overseer or from the Employment Office.

It is suggested strongly that you obtain such a pamphlet, study the advantages of this insurance, and then decide immediately whether you would like to participate in it.



The chambrays that Pepperell is making for the Navy are worn by the men at their routine trade duties. Here are some Navy mechanics tuning up an engine, wearing chambrays such as those made by Pepperell.



## WHO'S WHO IN BIDDEFORD

PRESOTT L. HOWARD, Editor-in-Chief

### BLANKET CLOTH ROOM — Biddeford

REPORTERS: Rose Bouthot, Catherine Lamb.

¶ Everyone came to work after the holidays, tired but happy. It looks as though Santa Claus was good to all. Good old Santa.

¶ A hearty welcome to all the new girls in our department. We hope that you like it here. We also welcome back Laura Cavanaugh and Berangias Blais, who are both looking swell.

¶ We hope Lulu Davis comes back to work soon. Lulu has been out for weeks with a broken ankle. Hurry back, Lulu. We all miss you.

¶ Among those who visited Boston were Alphonse Roberge, who spent New Year's there. Say, Alphonse, what's the attraction there?

¶ Rose Bouthot visited relatives in Boston with her husband Phillippe. Glad you had a good time, Rose.

¶ Georgia Vorias also reports a good time while visiting friends in Boston.

¶ Jeanette Drapeau took a trip to Canada over the holidays. When she returned, she wore a diamond ring given to her by Charles Fontaine. The wedding will take place Fourth of July week. Best of luck to both of you.

¶ Lucille Cyr told us all that she had four dates for a certain Saturday night. Now everyone is wondering how she does it with all the boys in the Army. Want to tell, Lucille?

### Dan Cupid Is A Busy Boy

¶ A happy day it was for Marie Laflamme and Jerry Binette on New Year's when they spent the day visiting their father in Manchester, N. H.

¶ Another of our pretty young ladies who received an engagement ring for Christmas was Margaret Morin. The lucky fellow is Raymond Dupre. Our best wishes to both of you.

¶ B. Bastarache visited friends and relatives in Manchester, N. H., over the New Year's holiday.

¶ What could have been wrong the morning Mike came to work wearing different shoes??

¶ He's wondering who the party was that left a pair of doll shoes in the elevator, each shoe a different color.

¶ We mustn't forget to mention that we have one girl here who celebrated her birthday on New Year's. She is none other than Bernice Dion, our only left hander.

¶ Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. George Lamontagne on the birth of a baby daughter, born January 4, and weighing 7½ lbs. The baby will be named "Joan." Mrs. Lamontagne was Diana Pelletier, a stitcher in 16-5.

¶ Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Lemire, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Garon, Mr. and Mrs. Romeo Cote, and Mr. and Mrs. Urbain Belanger celebrated Mr. Lemire's birthday at Vallee's Inn New Year's Eve.

¶ Mr. and Mrs. James Donovan spent New Year's holiday in Boston, Mass., accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Leo Sabourin.

¶ Wanted: A man 6 ft. tall—blond—blue eyes—must be very good looking. If anyone can answer this description, apply to 16-5 to B. M.

¶ M. F. is out for a few days entertaining a friend. We are curious to know who it could be.

¶ Mr. and Mrs. Edward Horsefield celebrated their first wedding anniversary last Jan. 9. Happy anniversary to you both.



Crowned the Queen of the Joan d'Arc drill team for 1942 at Biddeford is Miss Theresa St. Ours, popular student of St. Joseph's High School and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred St. Ours. Her mother is a weaver on the 3rd shift in room 9-2.

### MECHANICAL DEPT. — Biddeford

¶ Roland Tardif who has been employed in the Belt Shop has left for duty in the Army. Good luck, Roland, we'll be seeing you.

¶ Frank Wilson visited the old farm over the holidays.

¶ Washburn (Ting) Emerson has been transferred from the sanitation department to watchman.

¶ What was thought to be an air raid siren on New Year's Eve was Ralph Foss blowing a trumpet and hitting C above high C.

¶ At last we have a portrait of Arthur Barnham.

¶ Lionel Bougie, Electrician, doesn't understand why telephone poles grow so close together. It's practically impossible to miss them he says.

¶ Halroyd Hirst, an ex-service man, now has two sons to carry on the good family name. Irving has joined the Marines and Roy, Jr., the Navy, specializing in torpedo work.

¶ Bert Bragdon, electrician, boasted that he and another gentleman cut and piled nine cords of wood in eight hours. He says it's the truth for it came out in "True Confessions." Believe this or not says Roger Bean.

¶ Leo Beaulieu, our ambassador of New Year's felicitations, extended his best wishes of the season to all mechanical crews in person and if any were missed it was because they looked like a reasonable facsimile to others employed.

¶ James Bradbury has been transferred from the gates to the machine shop.

¶ Conrad Lemieux was a visitor in western Massachusetts over Christmas.

¶ Our wishes for a speedy recovery to Pat Cooney.

¶ David York has been transferred from gates to an elevator operator.

¶ Clarence Williams, the keeper of the pond, really wants to know the difference between an automatic and semi-automatic rifle. It isn't the explanation that bothers the boys, it's the use to which he is to put the information.

¶ Russell Guest, electrician, is the best pool player of the month. He confessed—the secret of his success was a lop-sided cue-ball that goes around corners gaining perpetual motion as it travels.

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Not to prove that he is a man but to prove he can keep a bet, Raymond Serube who is employed in the Dye House at Biddeford grows a six weeks' beard and collects the cash. At the close of the period, it cost him fifty cents for a shave—mere chicken feed compared to the money he got.

#### SHEETING CARDING — Biddeford

REPORTERS: Sarah Whitworth, Herbert Sears, Paul Leblond, Oscar Blanchette, Raymond Gendron, Maurice Thompson, Joseph Cook, Emelin Morin.

¶ Alice Mitchell, frame tender in 22-B, spent New Year's Day in Portsmouth, N. H.  
 ¶ Eva Wilson, frame tender in 22-B, had her Christmas dinner at relatives in Kennebunk.  
 ¶ John Clark, who has been laid up with the flu, is now able to be about the house.  
 ¶ Jeannette Lamirande, drawing tender, is visiting in Canada.  
 ¶ Eva Gendron is at the hospital under observation.  
 ¶ Edward Paquin was a Portland visitor New Year's Day.  
 ¶ The Rubber Man is back to work after a day's vacation.  
 ¶ The boys are back at school after the holiday recess.  
 ¶ B. F. Brady is a past master now in the handling of a slide rule. (Sometimes it slides right out of his fingers.)  
 ¶ Henry Lachance is back from Canada.  
 ¶ Harry Tarr has returned to work after a week's absence because of illness. Glad to see you back, Harry.  
 ¶ Abraham Levensailor, machine tender in the Opening Room, has been called to the colors.  
 ¶ Oscar and the Rubber Man are competing for honors.  
 ¶ Adv: George Gendron  
 Clark St.  
 City

#### Charlie Shoots His Own Coat

¶ Ask Napoleon Paul if they have narrowed its roads in N. H.  
 ¶ Mrs. Annabelle Cutler of 23-B and husband were visitors in Watertown, Mass., recently.  
 ¶ Virgil Moutsatsos spent New Year's Eve in New York.  
 ¶ Sympathy is extended to Georgianna Bedard of 23-B in the bereavement of her grandfather.  
 ¶ Mr. Pruneau, frame tender in 23-B, is out due to illness. Here's wishing you a speedy recovery.  
 ¶ Irene Patterson of 23-B was a recent Portland visitor. While there she attended the State Theater.  
 ¶ M. Boutin, draw frame tender of 23-B, spent the recent holidays visiting her sister in Portland.  
 ¶ Sarah Whitworth of 21-B who has been out for a week because of sickness has returned to work.

¶ Charles Whitworth was seen out fox hunting recently. Going to put new fur on the collar of the black coat, Charlie?

¶ Our congenial Supt. William Sweetsir started the New Year off by leaving part of his clothes off. Bill, all dressed up in his Sunday-go-to-meeting clothes was sitting very poshly in the pew at church when an usher informed him as politely as possible that he was sans necktie. His reasons, or excuses, were varied for he claimed he spilled grapefruit juice on it the night before, or saving for defense and that an air raid warning sounded while he was dressing. The real reason for his dilemma, even he cannot say, but Dr. Quack says it looks like an acute attack of forgettitis.

¶ The former Jean Provencher has returned from her honeymoon in Boston. We are pleased to have you back with us, Jean.

¶ Kike, our bobbin machine tender, said he celebrated the New Year by drinking Dandelion wine and the next morning he felt like pushing up daisies.

¶ Draw frame tenders, Ida and Marcelle, made a New Year's resolution, not to go riding with boys, and they went around the rest of the evening with their fingers crossed.

#### Left Alone With His Shadow

¶ Raymond B. was left waiting New Year's Eve for a date that actually didn't show up. What's the matter, Raymond, you must be slipping.

¶ Yvonne A. spent the holidays in N. H. and reported a swell time.

¶ Mrs. Cote has been transferred to the 2nd shift for a few weeks. All the girls miss you, Juliette.

¶ Miss Lorraine Soucy told us she was bit by a jelly fish. It sounds a little fishy but it's the truth.

¶ R. Lavigne, card tender in 2-2A, is the proud father of a baby born early in Jan. 1942. Congratulations, Roland.

¶ We extend our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Pomaricau, frame tender in 2-2B, for the recent death of her husband, at a local hospital.

¶ We welcome S. Lebreton, draw frame tender, back with us again. She works in 2-2A.

¶ Mrs. J. Cote was transferred from the 3rd shift to the 2nd. We are glad to see you, Juliette.

¶ J. Martineau, card stripper on 2nd shift, is out sick. We wish that you will get well soon.

¶ Mrs. A. Lamirande is out due to some sickness at her home. She tends drawing frames in 2-2B.

¶ Mrs. Porter was out for a few days and is now back with us. Glad to have you back.

¶ Mr. Paul was out quite often during the past few months. We wonder why.

¶ Paul O'Leary is often seen with women. We think that he is the card room Romeo.

¶ We are sorry that Mrs. Gagnon of 2-1B had to leave us on account of family occupation.

¶ We extend our sincere sympathy to Mrs. Charette of 2-1B for the loss of her mother.

¶ Pat, our Jitterbug bowler of the card room, still thinks that he can roll 'em down the alley. We will give him a chance to prove it some Sunday—and you better be good, Pat, or else we will make you dance.

#### SHEETING WEAVING — Biddeford

REPORTER: Leo Labrecque.

¶ Mrs. Rose Tardif and husband have just returned from a week's vacation in Canada visiting relatives and friends. Mrs. Tardif is employed as a weaver in 10-2.

¶ Roger Caron, stamper in 9-2, spent a few days with his family in Fort Kent, Me.

¶ Freddy, be careful not to put too much waste in your curly hair for it may spoil your curls and we don't believe your girl friend would like it.





The picture behind the picture. A familiar scene at the Biddeford and Lewiston plants when employees were photographed for use on identification badges. The young lady is Marie Richard of the sheeting carding department of Biddeford.

#### TOWEL CLOTH ROOM — Biddeford

REPORTERS: Natalie Keene, Laurence Beaudette.

¶ Pauline Huntress has been forced to leave her work due to illness. We shall miss Pauline, and all extend their sincere wishes for her speedy and complete recovery.

¶ Well, Eva has had her long black tresses cut and there is quite a difference in her appearance.

¶ Ruth Hobbins visited her niece Beverly in Portland over the holidays and many are the stories that Ruth can tell about Beverly's reactions to Santa's visit.

¶ Mr. and Mrs. Andre Dupont attended the testimonial banquet tendered the 1911 Biddeford High School football team held in the K. of C. hall recently, at which Adam Walsh, head coach at Bowdoin and a former star at Notre Dame was guest speaker.

¶ Pauline Boutet attended the midnight performance of "Bahama Passage" at the Central Theatre on New Year's Eve.

¶ A birthday party was held at the home of Mrs. Maybelle Pelchat recently in honor of Ruth Hobbins, our Co-worker. The home was beautifully decorated and a sumptuous dinner prepared by May was the big event, with Blanche Pruneau assisting May in serving. Following dinner, there was an hour of social pleasure, with songs rendered by Eva, Ruth, Corrine, May and Blanche. Several original dances were introduced which caused great commotion and emotion. The guests left at a late hour after wishing Ruthie many more such gala days in her young life.

¶ Lilyan Dupont enjoyed a week's vacation recently.

¶ The girls of the bowling team want to express their sincere thanks to Prescott Howard, editor of the "Sheet" for the splendid photographs that have been taken of their various activities during the past year and for the publicity they have been given in the "Sheet."

#### Remember Pearl Harbor

¶ Mrs. Margaret Martel has moved to Beach Street and now resides very near the bus station, so Margaret there can be no excuse for tardiness now.

¶ Mrs. Elsie Boston entertained her brother and his family during the Christmas holidays.

¶ Jean St. Amand was out for a week recently due to illness of her young son.

¶ From player to official, that is the transition made by Selden Emery, overseer of the Towel Department, who now referees the basketball games in the Westbrook City League.

If he is as good an official as he is a player, we feel sure that even Westbrook fans who are chronic losers will be satisfied by his decisions.

¶ With the plunging of our country into World War II, we should all pledge ourselves to an all out effort individually, to do our part in the gigantic task now confronting this nation, in its avowed aim of destroying Hitlerism, as a menace to world peace.

¶ We can do this by interesting ourselves and investing our money in United States Defense Bonds and Stamps, by giving generously to the American Red Cross, and in remembering our friends in the service, by sending them gifts and letters of cheer. Let us all stand solidly behind our President in this, America's hour of need, and locally, let us support our own Mayor Lausier and his civilian defense program.

¶ Stanley Adams, who came to us from Lewiston last November, will leave us within a week to enter Uncle Sam's service as a United States Marine. Good luck, Stan, we enjoyed your company and hope to see you again, when the world returns to normalcy.

#### Who Was Romeo St. Nick?

¶ A gala event was held recently at the home of Mrs. Jeanette Dorais, South St., in the form of a Christmas party for the members of the bowling team. The dining room and parlor of the home were beautifully decorated in appropriate trimmings with a large Christmas tree the center interest. In the dining room, a table was set with countless numbers of sandwiches, cakes, tonics, candies, and other delicious eatables. The decorations were enormous in this room, and indicated the long hours of labor needed to round this party into the successful affair that it was.

¶ At ten o'clock the doorbell rang incessantly, and on being opened, there stood the genial St. Nick, or Santa Claus. Over his broad and muscled shoulders, he carried a bag with presents for all. As Santa distributed these gifts, the girls shouted with glee, particularly Mary Pelchat, who was presented with sextuplets baby dolls. The gifts ranged from lace hankies to a beautiful robe.

¶ Eva Gaudette panicked everyone with the imitations of famous movie stars. And can Eva sing? Well, just ask her to warble that little French ditty that has 27 stanzas.

¶ A group photo was taken near the Christmas tree with jolly Santa Claus encircled by the charming ladies. By the way—Santa's identity will, of course, forever be a deep secret.

¶ Ann Tsomides and Kay Simmonson attended the Alec Templeton piano concert at Portland City Hall recently.

¶ Maybelle Pelchat visited in Portland recently.

¶ A birthday party was given for Corrine Proctor by the girls of the bowling team at the Wonder Bar following the regular mid-week matches. The following attended: Ruth Hobbins, Mary Pelchat, Natalie Keene, Blanche Pruneau, Simonne Stuart, Ann Tsomides, Josephine Burba, Eva Gaudette, Pauline Boutet and the guest of honor, Corrine Proctor.

#### SHEETING CLOTH ROOM — Biddeford

REPORTERS: Antoinette Hannah and Mary Goldthwaite.

¶ Loraine Girard gave an Xmas party at her home for the girls on the first shift. What a nice party. Even at this late date the girls can still exclaim at the grand time had by all. Each one entered into the fun in real party spirit and each contributed their bit to the evening's entertainment. Aside from the usual group rendition of "Alouette," "My Wild Irish Rose" and other popular songs the Girard sisters played piano solos. Blanche Desnoyers contributed a solo, Blanche Angers gave an exhibition of the intricate steps of the "La Cooga", Marie Minan (sans grass skirt) but with a turkish towel Sarong, showed the girls a new version of the Hula Hula. Delicious refreshments were served, the table beautifully decorated with place cards, favors and all the

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trimmings of the Xmas season. An Xmas tree, presents for all and a very jolly Santa in the person of Rose La Reviere completed a very grand party.

¶ Corinne Houde is another happy mother having received a belated Xmas card and letters from her sailor son, Paul.

¶ We think one of those lovely calendars floating around lately should stay in the cloth room. We could stand a little more glamour even on a calendar. These pink uniforms don't do much for the real thing. So We Think.

¶ Joe Martin with Mrs. Martin attended the New Year's party at the Elks hall. Joe is an authority on well dressed people and social affairs generally and he says this celebration was tops in every way.

¶ Bertha Bean was absent from work for a time on account of illness in her family.

¶ Blanche Angers lost a few days at work to try and get the best of a very bad cold. She is back with us again.

¶ Lucienne Laval is out on account of sickness in her family. Hope you'll be back with us soon.

¶ Have you all seen the beautiful diamond displayed on Lucille's "third finger left hand"? Yes sir! Dan Capid has done it again! Incidentally the lucky boy is Conrad Grenier.

¶ Eva Boisvert's son Paul has enlisted in the U. S. Air Corps and is to be stationed in Texas.

¶ When Yvonne Gosselin is in town it's always Cloth Room news. She and her lovely little daughter "Celine" has been here on a visit for a few days.

¶ You know, Bertha, some people learn about curves from traffic regulations, others the appreciation of curves just comes natural to even soap and water engineers.

¶ The Baker's wife "mon doux c'est bon" this from a boy who knows movies.

¶ Stella Goode of Fall River remembered by most of us as Stella Halloban, was a Saco visitor recently.

¶ Could our overseer be allergic to the soft song "Some of These Days." Could be.

¶ We have had quite a few of the boys in khaki visiting the cloth hall.

#### BLANKET SPINNING DEPT.—Biddeford

REPORTER: Merida Bernier.

¶ Mrs. Marie Petrin motored to Lisbon, Maine, recently to visit her sister who is a student at the Lisbon Convent.

¶ Rene Lambert, 2nd shift filling man, asked Laura Stevens how could he ever get his name on the Sheet or other public papers. Laura replied, travel or do something important for your country.

¶ Alexina Lamarre, 2nd shift, has resumed her duties after a period of several weeks of sickness due to an accident at home.

¶ Glad to have you back with us Alexina and we do hope you will be careful in the future. Do not climb too high.

¶ Margie Ange Dumont, Laura Courtois and Laura Stevens

motored to Portland recently to attend "The Men in Her Life," featured at the Strand Theater.

¶ Your reporter wishes to extend her sincere thanks and appreciation for the gift that was presented her at Christmas time by the members of the Christmas Club in Room 15-3.

Jewelry is the admiration of every woman and I am no exception. Thank you members, one and all.

¶ Corinne Wintel spent the Christmas holiday in Waterville, Me., with her relatives and friends.

¶ Roland Begin, filling boy of 15-3, was presented with a beautiful Traveling Kit by his friends in his department, due to his leaving Jan. 8th for Fort Devens, Mass.

¶ The Bugle & Drum Corps celebrated the 16th birthday of Roland St. Michel at his parent's home, Mr. and Mrs. John St. Michel. Mr. Michel is a loom fixer in 15-3. A good time was had by all, old and young alike. Everyone left at a late hour wishing Roland many more happy birth-days.

¶ Mr. and Mrs. John St. Michel, were the overjoyed parents over New Year's to have the pleasure of having their son Pvt. Ovila St. Michel of Camp Blanding, Fla., to spend a 7-day furlough at home. Pvt. St. Michel reports that it feels good to be back in Biddeford with his parents and friends and to his sorrow the furlough was much too short.



This picture was taken 33 years ago in Biddeford weave room 51-B. Many of these folks are still employed. Left to right are: Willie Noel, Pete Annatesoff, Z. Begin, Alec Garon, James Dutremble, Simeon Houle, Philomene Cote, Alfred Soulard, Marion Hewot, Mrs. Arthur Morin, Camille Garon and Albert Roy.



## WHO'S WHO IN FALL RIVER

H. A. TRUSLOW, Fall River Editor

### Advance Announcement

On February 14th in the Social Club Room, a Valentine Party and Dance will be held. Refreshments will be served and Chairman Dot Mercier promises plenty of surprises during the course of the evening. An invitation is extended to all employees and their immediate families to attend.

### RAYON MILL—Fall River

REPORTERS: Alfred Lambardo, George Flynn.

¶ The fourth floor Rayon Division was very lucky indeed to have Santa Claus pay them a visit Christmas Eve. Everyone got what they asked for except the young man that asked for a new wife. Sorry, better luck next time.

¶ Oh! the girls in the Warping Department hung up mistletoe! Guess who got kissed, never mind we'll tell you. No! Let the boys tell you, lucky birds.

¶ The girls on the second shift warping dept. had quite an enjoyable Christmas Party with Josephine Pavao officiating as Santa Claus. Presents were exchanged between the girls and a luncheon was served. Everyone voted the affair a success, and here's hoping next year we'll find the same gang together.

¶ The one and only "It" man is Al, our elevator man, 99% of his Christmas gifts were from female friends. Is it your smile, Al? Don't give it away now.

¶ By the way how did Santa get home after being treated to a drink?

¶ A Valentine Party is now underway for February 14th. Get your tickets from one of the members and we'll all have a merry time. Remember, the more the merrier, so let's go, everybody.

¶ Marie Bouchard had a gathering at her home New Year's Eve. Among those present were Gene Rich, Viola Bartsch and Mary Sherman.

¶ Whistle a song for us, Jennie. We know it's tough without teeth but you can try anyway.

¶ Three cheers for Arthur Servant, a baby girl was presented to him several weeks ago.

¶ The three sporting gents of the 3rd shift, Muscles Fortin, Brush Brochu and Irish Soares, know not what to do with themselves since the football season ended. They now have to wait until the baseball season begins to make any bets.

¶ It's money in the bank, says Stanley Mazarski. Anyone wishing a hot tip, please see him as he is always obliging.

¶ We wonder why Ray Banville changes into his street clothes when he goes around collecting the club dues.

¶ Leo Doucette, 3rd shift weaver, has been called out to serve with the State Guards. If I were a saboteur, I'd think twice before tackling a guard of Leo's calibre. He isn't so tall, but he certainly makes up for it in width and depth.



Gedeon Puard is rebeaming rayon through a reed with three ends through each eye at the Fall River rayon mill. This particular beam has 1392 ends but the number of ends to each beam varies from 1300 to 1800 according to the style cloth to be woven.

### PLANT B CLOTH DEPT.—Fall River

REPORTER: Ethel Marston.

¶ If the truth were to be told you can bet it wouldn't be Donat who would be telling it.

¶ If a census were to be taken of all the crocheted hats in Fall River, B cloth room would take credit for half of them.

¶ If Sam doesn't show up soon Sadie isn't going to wait any longer. I think it will be Pat in the future.

¶ If any one wants to know how card board pie plates taste—Ask Irene.

¶ If Helen has any more? she is going to hold a contest for name suggestions—the winner a free?

¶ If Amy and Francis don't stop eating lunch together we-uns will think they are going steady. P.S. He even wears her sweater.

¶ If you think you are hearing a lot of "Any Bonds To-day", you should hear Ethel sing "Any Pom-Poms To-day".

¶ If the girls are losing their waist lines these days, you can blame the one who sells candy with credit. It's the credit that does it. You just buy more and more.

¶ Think George had better get his eyes examined. He walked right into an iron bar and cut his head. Hope you didn't get a black eye George.



Walter Nowak, son of Paul Nowak, Card stripper in B mill, Fall River. Walter worked with us for a few years but left to join the rapidly swelling army of his Uncle Sam.

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# MACHINE SHOP — Fall River

REPORTER: Rudy LePage.

¶ Welcome greetings go this month to a young chap by the name of Jimmy King. He is a helper in the Machine Shop. Welcome Jimmy and we hope to have you with us for a long time to come.

¶ The Shop gained a new welder when Roy Connors took over his new duties. The former welder, Ernest Walker, has received an appointment as instructor on the N.Y.A. staff. Good luck to you, Roy, on your new assignment.

¶ Another promotion was handed out this month to a capable young man, Ike Robinson. He now assumes the duties of a draftsman. Congratulations, Ike.

¶ Married life seems to agree with the boss painter, Wilfred Moss. He now comes to work much earlier than before.

¶ A fire brigade has been organized at the Pepperell Mfg. Co. and it is said that Frank Harrington was named Chief. "Fireman, fireman, save my child!"

## Buck Skates With Feather Pillow

¶ Prophet Henry Dumas was telling Tom Reid the other day that he predicted many of the events that have occurred in this harrassed world of ours. "And," says he, "what this world of ours needs," and Tom suddenly interrupted and said, "Is a good five cent cigar." Boy, was Henry burned-up. Can you blame him?

¶ Ben Cyr says, "Bring on those fellows with their fish stories." One day he came in telling us about a dream he had the night previous. "Last night," he says, "I dreamed that I was an officer of the law. Guess what happened, I awoke wearing an officer's uniform." What a dream.

¶ Harold Marston conducted an ice skating party recently at Ruggles Park. Included in the party were Ed Eaton, Roy MacDonald, Russ Harmon, Bill Harrington and yours truly. Everyone except Marston had a great time. Harold, it seems, couldn't keep his feet on the ice. How did it feel, Harold?

¶ Birthday greetings from the Shop to Harold Marston this month. He was 44 years young last January 13th. Congratulations "Buck" and we wish you many more happy birthdays to come.

¶ If you are ever in need of a cigarette, never contact Leo Durand. He never has any.

# WEAVE ROOM MILL "B" — Fall River

REPORTER: Phyllis LePage.

¶ Little Orphan Mannie brought a stool to work with him the day before New Years, but he couldn't keep up with the girls.

¶ Valida Roberts wishes to thank all of her club members for their generosity at Christmas.

¶ Mr. Fournier bought himself a nice new Pontiac, but we think he is worrying about it. Every so often he looks out the window to see if it is still there.

¶ Mary Mello and her girl friend Joan Dupont, spent the New Year and weekend in New York.

¶ Louis Sirois lost his bet to Aldea Bosse, but he is happy about it anyway. Louis just became the father of a baby girl, which makes three children. Two boys and one girl.

¶ Rose Martel received a beautiful pendant and bracelet from her boy friend for Christmas.

¶ Mary Teves has returned to work after a five weeks absence. Mary had rheumatism in her muscles which kept her in bed for quite some time. Glad you are back Mary.

¶ Adrien Belanger must be getting serious. He gave his girl friend a cedar chest for Christmas.

¶ Anita Dubois is out sick. She has a very bad cold.

¶ Aime-Francoeur gave his girl friend a diamond ring for Christmas. He intended to get married in May, but had to change his plans.



These two pictures show Joseph Gagnon, boss slasher tender in B mill, Fall River, and his son, taking care of their pigeons.

# SPINNING ROOM "B" MILL — Fall River

REPORTER: Marion Dupuis.

¶ We wish a speedy recovery to Mrs. A. Bouchard who underwent an operation in a local hospital recently.

¶ We hope you like your new home, Alma.

¶ We offer our sincere sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Berube in their recent bereavement.

¶ All the girls like your new hair-do, Lillian. So you better keep it that way.

¶ Everyone had a grand time at the New Year's Party and all are looking forward to the next social event.

¶ Rita received a lovely diamond ring for Christmas. Best of luck, Rita.

¶ Rhea has been transferred on the Rayon Winders. We hope you like your new work, Rhea.

¶ Mrs. Fillion went to Providence a few weeks ago to see the Ice-Capades and enjoyed it a great deal.

# CARDING DEPARTMENT — Fall River

REPORTER: Beatrice Dupuis.

¶ We want to express our sympathy to John and Joseph Warchol in their recent bereavement.

¶ We take our hats off to two of the boys from our department, Jao Soares who has just enlisted in the U. S. Navy and Norman Rigby who is now stationed in Kansas City.

¶ Adam and John DeFusco were guests at a farewell party given in Norman's honor recently.

¶ Margaret Joubert was out for a few days due to illness. It is good to see you back again Margy.

¶ Cecil Kleeb is on the committee for the Valentine dance which is to be held sometime in February.

¶ Olive and Beatrice Soares have a new chauffeur since their brother enlisted.

¶ Daniel Shanks has been transferred from the second shift to the first as roving hoister.

¶ Aurel Berube has also been transferred to the first shift.



## WHO'S WHO IN LEWISTON

HARRY J. VAUGHN, Lewiston Editor

### CAN ROOM — Lewiston

REPORTER: Robert Tiner.

¶ Your reporter was recently asked why certain members of the Can Room were discussed more in the Sheet than others are. The reason for this is for the same reason that certain names appear more often in the newspapers. In other words, their activities are more prominent than others.

¶ This is the first opportunity since Christmas to reveal some of the useful gifts which some of the boys received:

¶ 1—Joe Leblond says he received an alarm clock so we can expect to see him bright and early every morning.

¶ 2—Omer Legare got a 100 lb. bag of bird seed—a year's supply, says Omer.

¶ 3—Bob Cooper—A larger suitcase than the one which he now carries his lunches in.

¶ 4—Johnny Hopkins—Another comb and brush set to add to his collection.

¶ 5—Jep Soucy—A larger capacity to take care of eight hot-dogs instead of his usual six.

¶ 6—George Hopkins—A package of razor blades, and George says the same as Omer, a year's supply.

¶ 7—Pop Bissonette—A tobacco plant which he hopes by next Christmas will be a plantation.

¶ 8—Spike Paradis—Another hat which now makes one for every color of the rainbow.

¶ 9—Joe Morin got a new necktie, which makes us all happy.

### OFFICE — Lewiston

REPORTER: T. J. Anthoine.

¶ The big event of the past month was the wedding of our Blanche Sherry, who became the bride of Edward J. Murphy at Meriden, Conn., on January 2nd. Best of luck to the happy pair.

¶ We are sorry to lose Bernard "Bunny" Donovan who was called to the colors a couple of weeks ago. Bunny will make a good man for Uncle Sam.

¶ Our newest employee is Rose Delchanty. We hope you like it Rose, and will be with us for a long time.

¶ Phyllis Doyle has left us to take up her duties as a housewife. We bet she will have quite a time browsing among the pots and pans.

¶ Gerard Myrand is filling the position left vacant by Bunny Donovan. Welcome, Gerard.

¶ Very few of us knew that we have a budding poetess in our midst. Here is one of Dorothy Wellander's latest gems:

Type-writers click, the switchboard hums, the room is filled with noise.

In the office of the Bleachery, full of busy "girls and boys".

Regina's busy typing fast, she wears a worried look,

Amita's also busy putting Case Sheets in the book.

Ted Murphy and Tom Conley make crack to see who's smarter.

While Dot Mynahan's busy talking to that tall guy, Uno Harta.

Miss Casey's at the teletype, Miss Jackson's "on the phone",

Wally Finn and Mr. Anthoine "carry on" in lively tone.

Miss Malloy is adding figures, Babe's busy at her desk;

Blanche is capably typing rolls—and as for all the rest,

Everyone is busy, not one of them is shirking.

It's too bad they all can't stop and listen to them working!

DOT WELLANDER



Mr. and Mrs. Andre DuPont enjoying an outing at Peaks Island last summer. Mrs. DuPont is the former Lilyan Bart and is employed in the towel cloth room at Biddeford.

### SHOE GOODS DEPT. — Lewiston

REPORTER: William Collins.

¶ Ex. Sgt. Howard Johnson is helping Uncle Sam a great deal these days. He shows the boys a few of the tricks on how to lick the enemy. He knows them all.

¶ Lila Fournier is sporting a new fur coat. They say she is very attractive in it. Look out for the boys, Lila.

¶ Alda Finn is slipping this season. She hasn't gone ice skating yet. Johnny Lavoie is a swell teacher, Alda.

¶ Welcome back to our department Dottie White and Henrietta Bolduc. It's good to have you back.

¶ Introducing a cute little girl about 5 feet, weighs 100 pounds, dark hair, wears glasses, has a pleasant smile for everybody—Rita Carbonneau. Never mind boys—she has a boy friend.

¶ Johnny Lavoie listened to Pres. F. D. R.'s speech Jan. 6th and he says this war is a sure bet for the U. S. if we all do our part.

¶ Charlie Wagg gave us a demonstration on how good a cook he is. Don't let your wife in on it Charlie; you'll have to cook all the time.

¶ Will somebody give Leo a little information on what to do with his car. One day he is selling it (at a profit), and the next day he is keeping it.

¶ Larry Ancil is away ahead of Willie Rioux in the lunch contest. If you don't believe it, look at Larry's waistline.

¶ Willie Rioux and Bill Collins have taken up ice fishing but as yet have to catch a fish. The fish haven't a worry in the world with them around.

¶ Alec Bain is slipping. No fish stories lately. Maybe the fish have all departed for Pearl Harbor.

¶ Fred Andersen made a New Year's resolution to stop using impolite language. You can guess how that resolution made out.

¶ We all wish you the best of luck if it's true what we hear about you and Helen, Howard.

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**FRAME ROOM — Lewiston**

REPORTER: John Grimmel

¶ Is it true, L. Pelletier, that you need a book of fishing regulations? If you do they have a new stock of them at the City Hall. With the book, we advise you to get some one to teach you how to fish.

¶ Albert Tankey has taken the advice that two can live as cheap as one. So he went and got himself married. Congratulations.

¶ Hal Bernard says that's some shooting iron he bought from Bill Irish. Personally we think Bill had the barrel stuck in Bill's ribs when he made the sale.

¶ We wonder what is the worried look that is on Nadeau's face lately. It would not be your income tax, now would it Nadeau.

¶ If any of the boys have any liquor that they can't drink, or don't know what to do with, just page Al Moores. He has a special radiator for it.

¶ Larry Lorentzen says when he gets in the army he will yodel the Japs out of Pearl Harbor, and if that don't work, he will blow a bubble big enough to drown all of them.

¶ Billy Coady has his notice to stand by to return to the Army this month. Hope you will be back real soon. Good luck, Billy.

¶ Since the last Louis fight, Cliff Moyes hasn't had a wink of sleep. He lost a quarter.

¶ Shorty Hynes, the Turner sharpshooter, claims he shot a deer this fall, but we hear different. It was a neighbor's cow. (How much did it cost you, Shorty?)

¶ Poor Armand Soucy, our artist with the broom, climbed up on the water wagon New Year's day, but Oh was a crash there was on the thirteenth.

¶ Sammy Agren says anyone can have hair on his chest, but it takes a good man to raise a moustache.

¶ Can it be that Tankey has been giving Charlie Wade some advice. We hear that he is squiring a blonde around quite a bit.

¶ Eddy Corriveau has been wearing quite a smile these days. The reason? His boy has been home from the Army on furlough.

¶ Welcome to the day shift, Frank Grimmel.

¶ The minstrel troupe has quite a find in the person of Shadow Thompson, who both whistles and sings very well.

¶ If you don't know what this war is all about, just consult those two authorities, Freddie Gard or Charlie Morin.

**YARD — Lewiston**

REPORTER—Russell Bryant.

¶ Joe Poulin is trying to get Sweeney to take back that dog he gave him. Joe claims the dog eats almost as much as Rosario Hughes does.

¶ We have been wondering for the last few weeks why Shorty Pelletier has been all smiles. We just found out his wife gave him a five cent raise in his weekly allowance. He says this brings it up to thirty cents a week now.

¶ Fred Robideau reports that he can now make Bleachery Hill in second since he had the carbon taken out of his 1926 Dodge, (if it gets a good start).

¶ Louis (Caruso) Driscoll says that the new crop of pupils at the barber school give him a better haircut every time he goes.



At the click of the shutter, the oversized pill was ready to drop into the basket to increase the score. Bob Smith of the Pepperell outfit did the honors. All games are played in the gymnasium of the Boys' Club in Fall River.

Members of the Fall River Basketball Team: Front row, left to right: Russell Harmon; Harold Marston, Coach; John McDonald. Back row: left to right: Bob Smith, Pat Murphy, Rudy Lepege, Ed. Eaton and Ike Robinson.





**SHEET FACTORY — Lewiston**

REPORTERS: Blanche Sawyer, Ellen Cooper, Honey Vaughn,  
Dorothy Casey and Jeannette Haley.

¶ Since the banquet of the girls' bowling league, Emma Patry has been over to the Silver Slipper quite often. We wonder if she is looking for the telephone man, or his car.

¶ The girls' bowling league held their mid-season banquet at Joy Inn on December 26 after which the group adjourned to the Silver Slipper where entertainment furnished by Gertrude Vaughn was greatly enjoyed.

¶ Some class to Mabel Turcotte's new boy friend, Jimmy.

¶ Alice Bosse is very proud of the kitten which was given her by Lulu.

¶ Lillian Normando enjoyed the holidays at Bloomfield, Vt. Everything and everybody was O.K.

¶ Avis Lee would like to know where she could buy rubber thermos bottles. She says the others break too easily. How many have you broken now, Avis? Three?

¶ Beatrice Brochu promised not to eat any candy for a year. It's been only a month now and she has gained almost ten pounds. We wonder what she will look like by next Christmas.

¶ Cecile Oliver received a beautiful diamond for Christmas. She says she can hardly wait for the big event.

¶ Simone Guilmet enjoyed New Year's in New York City. She took in all of the attractions even to attending a performance of Grand Opera.

¶ Some people think that Jane hits too hard. Poor Jimmy.

¶ Our sweeper, Wally, loafed one day recently. He said he was sick from eating roast pig and banana splits but we think it was too much root beer, without the root.

¶ Lena Johnson was very much pleased with the toaster she got at Christmas. Boy, was she surprised.

¶ Sadie says a certain man could at least have excused himself when he dropped the window pole and nearly broke her hand.

¶ Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Francois Bellegarde on their recent wedding. Mrs. Bellegarde is the former Yvette Levard of this department.

¶ Congratulations to all those who became engaged during the holiday season.

¶ Some of the girls would like to know what the treat was all about, Eva V.

**Wanted: Bicycle With Trailer**

¶ If everyone keeps their New Year resolutions the place is certainly going to be different.

¶ Loads of luck to Edna S. who has left us—hope you'll be back soon.

¶ We also hope Mrs. Agnes Delehanty is back with us by the time this issue is out. Hurry up and get well Agnes. We miss you.

¶ Anyone wishing to hear an imitation of Alice Flood ask Theresa Flynn.

¶ Bunny Casey was shining brightly when she saw the star waiting at the gate. Unexpected, wasn't it Bunny?

¶ What would happen if Steckino's ever went out of business? No more Italian spaghetti for Bernadette N.

¶ Congratulations Ann Zarkowsky. When's the big day?

¶ We are glad to see Theresa Levesque back with us again.

¶ They say that Brunswick is quite a place. Is that right, Dot?

¶ We wonder if the fellow who brings Anna Buteau to work every day is really her brother. If they aren't careful they'll get a ticket for over-parking.

¶ Alice O'Kane must specialize in fudge. If you don't believe it ask Bunny.

¶ Many employees enjoyed Christmas parties at Joy Inn. Everyone got home okay.

¶ Mr. and Mrs. Edward Stokowski are the parents of a baby boy. This new addition makes everything complete in their new home.

¶ Alice Hinse is in the market for a red bicycle with a trailer on it.



A CUTE PAIR

Paul and Pauline Cote, age nine, twin children of Mrs. Alma Cote. Mrs. Cote is a folder on the night crew at Lewiston.

¶ Congratulations to Jeannette Sirois on her recent engagement.

¶ The night girls started bowling Tuesday, January 6, with Agnes Blackwood having the high total of 256.

¶ Wouldn't it be swell if Diane Morin would take it with a smile!

¶ We understand that Clara Tierney is singing "The Blues."

¶ Wanted: One pair of ice creepers for Doris Perry.

¶ Was Frances Oliver glad when the holidays were over? No more sinus (?) for her for a while.

¶ Cecile Anthoine left the Sheet Factory recently to make her home in Portsmouth, N. H. Sorry to see her go.

¶ We wish Marie Hamscom would let loose with some of her stored up pep.

¶ Phil Ward doesn't shine so brightly in Mary Cosgrove's eyes. Better luck next time, Phil.

¶ Several new girls joined the night crew recently, including Irene Howard.

¶ Myra Conley would like to know just what Louise Sullivan's New Year's resolutions were.

¶ Rolande Gagne enjoyed her recent trip to Buffalo, N. Y., where she spent Xmas with her sister.

¶ Our contestant for Rip Van Winkle is little Fern Duarte.

¶ Spring may be just around the corner, but Yvette McKenna can't believe it, as she donned her coat one night while working to keep warm.

¶ We understand that Margaret McKenna made a hit at one of the local night spots on New Year's eve.

¶ Will the "Powers that be" see to it that they put some sort of identifying mark over the different kinds of skids. Alice O'Kane says it's very hard to find the different kinds of work. We would suggest different colored lights. How about it, Alice?

¶ What will happen to the count if Emma has to keep her tongue behind her teeth?

**Dawn To Come Back At Dusk**

¶ The girls were pleased by a visit from Bill Parkin. They report him as looking very well.

¶ Feeney has his beauty nap every noon but we have not seen any improvement even in his disposition. Perhaps it may be that, "that which is best cannot be improved upon." Right, Feeney?

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# THE PEPPERELL Sheet

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¶ Margaret does not have much to say these days. Says there are too many ears around this room.  
¶ We have many new citizens this past month. More power to all of them and best of luck. However we heard about one newly made American who would not be so good as a Color bearer, having lost the Stars and Stripes several times in the course of a few hours. Know him, girls?  
¶ Do you want the latest and hottest war news? Ask our newly made Commentator Miss Mary M. Landry. She isn't so hot on the news when she has slips or Pepp. Cello. but at all other times, Oh, Boy!  
¶ We hear that Dawn LaMothe is about to descend on Canada. We also hear she intends to bring back most of it with her. Hope she won't have to hitch-hike back.  
¶ We neglected to welcome Rita Marcotte when she came to work with us and were reminded of the oversight. But we hasten to say, we do not see enough of her these days as she spends most of the time upstairs.

## WHITE FOLDING ROOM — Lewiston

REPORTER: Roland Lacombe.

¶ Cecile Gosselin, will you please tell us how we can get a free meal at Tony Dumont's store?  
¶ From now on James "Bonus" O'Kane will be known as Operator 38.  
¶ If you want to know anything about "Fox Hunting" ask Jack Turner, Jr.  
¶ Can a silk stocking take a drop stitch in the back? Ask Dick Joyce, he knows.  
¶ Moved again, Who?—Leo Guay. It is quite a race between Leo and Jim O'Kane.  
¶ We are all wondering if Gilberte Martin liked her wheelbarrow ride on New Year's day.  
¶ If anybody knows of a position open for a first class cook, please write to Jim O'Kane, White Finishing Room.

## COLOR FOLDING ROOM — Lewiston

REPORTER: John McKenna.

¶ The New Year was ushered in by a big dance at the Polish Hall, attended by Mr. and Mrs. Edward Healey and Miss Margaret Kelley and William Parker, and a gala time was had by all.



All ready for a velocipede ride is Caroline Labbe, two year old daughter of Renald Labbe, a loomfixer in room 13-2 at Biddeford.

¶ Ralph Verville has taken up his new duties as Air Warden in his city.

¶ Helen Taylor will be glad when spring comes to get away from that 30° below on Garfield Road.

¶ Wanda O'Connell has taken up raising dogs in her spare time.

¶ Marie Giroux has gone on a diet and is putting the extra pennies in Defense Stamps.

¶ Pete Michaud is going to plant a bigger garden this spring. Uncle Sam has asked Pete to do this.

## STOREHOUSE — Lewiston

REPORTER: Gerald Flynn.

¶ We presume that handkerchiefs are at a premium now that Wally (IA in their hearts) Finn is IA in the army.

¶ Walter (Longfellow) Fougemie, the Storehouse poet, is up to his old tricks again. Here is a sample of his latest work:

Roses are Red  
Violets are Blue  
Sugar are Sweet  
And So are You.

¶ Gerard Sirois has made a few New Year's resolutions. One in particular is, "Give, and give until it hurts."

¶ We expect Caleb Long and the priority board to tangle any day now over the ban on auto tires. After all, how do they think Caleb will be able to commute from Minot to Lewiston every day.

¶ Wally Tierney's newly acquired responsibilities are beginning to show on him.

## CALENDER ROOM

¶ We have a new American citizen in the person of Mr. Edgar Lavalley. Congratulations from the boys.

¶ Tim, the way your car is running, you better put it up and take the bus. We have a five-cent fare now.

¶ Carrol had a worried look on his face for a few days. Was it because your favorite waiting room was closed, Carrol?

¶ If you want to hear anything about cold weather, call on R. Victor. We believe he told us around 62° below.

FLASH!!

¶ There are rumors around that Oscar will soon be pacing the floor at night.

¶ Louie and Carrol are both tickled to help their country in any way, even including the tax on their automobiles.

¶ Most of the boys are happy when they have orders to truck rolls to the Shoe Goods Dept. We wonder why?

¶ "Yours Truly" is still waiting for that "invite" from Eddie.

## MACHINE SHOP — Lewiston

REPORTER: Carl Proctor.

¶ Louis Caron hasn't started to cut his ice yet. Louis believes in letting the ice grow and giving—or rather selling—his customers a good thick cake.

¶ Several of the boys had a supper at Harpswell, Dec. 19th. It is reported that the eating place serving it made no profit on the transaction.

¶ Bernard Donovan, son of Michael Donovan, has left for Fort Devens.

¶ L. Long recently had a bad cold and lost his voice. He is much better now but at the same time several of the boys were well pleased about the voice part.

¶ The shop has bought Defense Bonds very well. The percentage was about 92% at last reports.

¶ Carroll Raymond has been busy lately attending School-Board meetings.

¶ Pat Burke found out last fall you can't catch foxes as easily on bare ground.

¶ The boss was recently absent because of the death of his father.

¶ Francis Linehan, son of Michael Linehan, was a recent visitor to the shop.

¶ Joe Bilodeau can always tell when real cold weather gets here. The windows go up and the oil tank goes down.



But in the United States they were 143 — the highest real wages of any country in the world — higher by far than even Canada where they were 121.

What does this mean? If this is a World War, and few people would doubt that it is, then it is at the same time a world-wide market for labor in producing the goods for war. If this country has got to produce war materials and even peace-time needs in competition with these other countries, we can't produce enough, and we can't produce at low enough costs to compete with these other countries. They're going to make things at a lower price than we can, and they're going to make just as many or more of them. They've had to do this in order to protect themselves, and if we're going to stand up against them or with them, we've got to do somewhat the same.

We're beginning to feel the pressure of bringing our real wages down to the level of the other countries as a result of the war effort that the government is now pushing. The greatly increased taxes are one method of turning back to the government some of our wages to pay for the war effort. The higher price of foods and other necessities is one method of lowering the real wages of the people. The need to invest money in government Savings Stamps is another method of setting our real wage scales so that they will enable us to compete in production and costs with the other countries of the world. And there will be a good many other things that will happen, and that we won't like, which will help to do the same.

And whether we like it or not, all of these changes are lowering the American standard of living that we've always thought was one of our prize possessions. But, if we're going to take our place alongside practically every other nation in the world, we've got to make sacrifices and one of the biggest of these is going to be in our changed standard of living. That's not always a happy thought, but when we realize that we're going to live or die on our willingness to work harder than ever before, and maybe for less, the sacrifices we've got to make don't look so bad. Perhaps it will be a good thing for us to get back to solid ground, and to be more interested in what we do and less interested in what we get.

*Ed. J. Harrison*

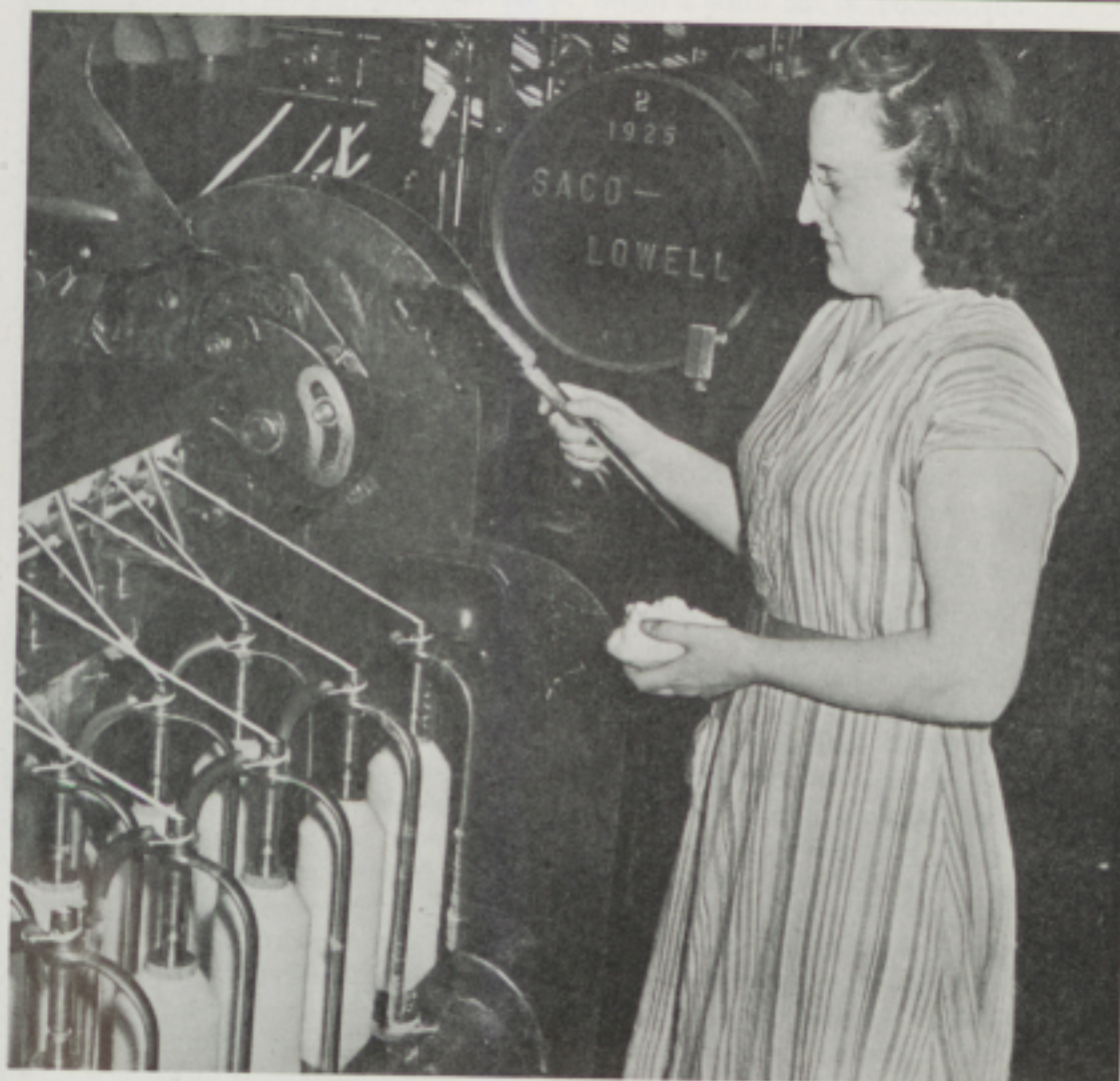
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# STOP IT BEFORE YOU CLEAN IT

MOVING MACHINERY IS A GREAT HAZARD



Cleaning of some of the machinery while in motion is very dangerous, causing cuts, bruises and sometimes broken bones and amputations. Some of the machinery, especially of modern design, is well protected by casings from movable parts, and can be cleaned while the machine is in operation. Each Foreman has prepared a cleaning schedule for each type of machine with provisions made for the cleaning of various parts of that machine.

While any machine is in motion, **DO NOT CLEAN GEARS, BELTS OR PULLEYS.** A brush or cloth is very liable to catch in a gear or pulley and immediately draw a hand or arm into the rotating part, causing them to be cut or mangled. With the machine stopped by the motor switch rather than the machine stop lever to insure double precaution against starting, Georgi-

ana Bedard of Biddeford demonstrates the proper method to clean gears—with a brush.

An old proverb reads that "familiarity breeds contempt". That is, employees with long service records have become familiar with their work and have become over-confident that they are immune to accidents. Strangely enough, the records show that during the past few months, employees having long service records are having more accidents than those who are newly employed. These employees having a long service record are valuable to Pepperell and to the nation through their many years of textile experience.

Textiles play an important part in this World War and cloth must be produced to aid in victory. Safety on the part of every individual is paramount in order to produce fabrics for Government and civilian use.